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For: MR IMAGING USING ECG-PREP SCAN



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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-4, 24, 32-35 and 52 without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter contained therein. Please amend claims 5-12, 14-16, 18-21, 23, 25, 27-31, 36-43, 45-51, 53, 54 and 56, and add new claims 57-60, as follows. A marked-up version of the claims showing the revisions thereto is attached.

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5. (Amended) The MRI system of claim 58, wherein the first scan is is carried out using a pulse sequence generating an echo signal to map echo data in a central region of a first k-space for producing the image, the central region corresponding to a lower-frequency region in a phase-encode direction of the first k-space, and

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.

Fees are attached as calculated below:

Total effective claims after amendment 50 minus highest number previously paid for 56 (at least 20) = 0 x \$ 18.00 \$ 0.00

Independent claims after amendment 9 minus highest number previously paid for 7 (at least 3) = 2 x \$ 84.00 \$ 168.00

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Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) \$ 0.00

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